

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 19, 2007. Claims 4, 5, and 24 to 27 are in the application, with Claims 24, 26, and 27 being independent. Claims 24, 26, and 27 have been amended herein.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant notes that he has not yet received an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanied the September 19, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next Office communication.

Turning to the Office Action, the specification was objected to as failing to provide antecedent basis for the term "storage medium" recited in Claim 27. The objection is respectfully traversed, and is submitted to have been obviated by the amendment made to Claim 27.

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The rejection is respectfully traversed, and is submitted to have been obviated by the amendment made to Claim 26. Applicant respectfully submits that the feature of an output unit arranged to output the output data to an image outputting device is supported, *inter alia*, at page 18, lines 16 to 22, of the application.


Claims 4, 5, and 24 to 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection is respectfully traversed, and is submitted to have been obviated by the amendments made to Claims 24, 26, and 27.

In this regard, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Kee Tung, for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during a telephone conversation on April 26, 2007. During this conversation, Mr. Tung tentatively indicated that in view of new USPTO guidelines, the § 101 rejection should be withdrawn.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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